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Dear Academician Ovchinnikov:

Sometime ago you wrote to me requesting a photograph of myself, that you might use in a book that you were completing.

I apologize that I have been so tardy in responding to your amiable request. I have been hoping that there might be other changes in the environment that could facilitate normal scientific relationships, in the field of our shared interests. These relationships have been clouded by a number of events, some very large, some very small.

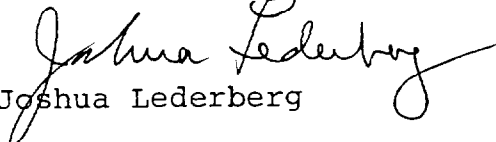
One in the latter category is the personal insult to my name on the floor of the Soviet Academy of Sciences which is mentioned in the enclosed letter. I have not so far had the courtesy of a reply to that.

There are however many more weighty issues and it would be best if we could have an opportunity to discuss them in a more personal way.

With respect to that possibility, I will fortunately have the opportunity to be in Moscow during the first week of June in connection with the meetings of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on International Security and Arms Control. If it is convenient for your own schedule I would be very happy to make an effort to see you in Moscow during that interval.

Our group is arriving in Moscow the evening of June 3 and I will be departing the evening of June 7. I look forward to the possibility of a constructive discussion at that time.

Yours sincerely,


Joshua Lederberg

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